

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is one (1) sheet of corrected formal drawings that complies with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected formal drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

In Fig. 5, the aperture ratio $Sh/Sv < 1$ at an end portion of a short axis of the shadow mask and the aperture ratio $Sh/Sv < 1$ on a short axis of the shadow mask have also been shown.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected formal drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1-6 and 8-32 are now present in the application. The drawings and claim 1 have been amended. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 12, 19 and 26 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 12-32 are allowed. The Examiner has also indicated that dependent claims 3-5, 7 and 9-11 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant greatly appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

By the present amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 7, as discussed hereinbelow.

Drawings Objections

The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). Applicant has submitted one (1) sheet of corrected formal drawings to address the Examiner's requested changes. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this objection has been obviated and/or rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsuchida et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,465,945. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

As mentioned, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent claim 7, which was indicated by the Examiner as including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is believed that amended independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

In addition, claims 2, 6 and 8 depend from independent claim 1, and are therefore allowable based on their respective dependence from independent claim 1, which is believed to be allowable.

In view of the above amendments to the claims and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 clearly define the present invention over the reference relied on by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

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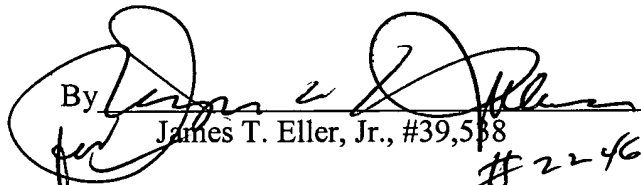
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In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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